

which travel outside the United States has been authorized pursuant to this rule, each subcommittee (or members and staff attending meetings or conferences) shall submit a written report to the Chair covering the activities of the subcommittee and containing the results of these activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(c) Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House of Representatives and of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to such travel, including rules, procedures, and limitations prescribed by the Committee on House Administration with respect to domestic and foreign expense allowances.

(d) Prior to the Chair's authorization for any travel, the ranking minority party member shall be given a copy of the written request therefor.

#### RULE 22. BUDGET AND EXPENSES

(a) The Chair in consultation with the majority party members of the Committee shall prepare a preliminary budget. Such budget shall include necessary amounts for staff personnel, for necessary travel, investigation, and other expenses of the committee; and, after consultation with the minority party membership, the Chair shall include amounts budgeted to the minority party members for staff personnel to be under the direction and supervision of the minority party, travel expenses of minority party members and staff, and minority party office expenses. All travel expenses of minority party members and staff shall be paid for out of the amounts so set aside and budgeted. The Chair shall take whatever action is necessary to have the budget as finally approved by the Committee duly authorized by the House of Representatives. After such budget shall have been adopted, no change shall be made in such budget unless approved by the committee. The Chair or the chair of any standing subcommittee may initiate necessary travel requests as provided in Rule 21 within the limits of their portion of the consolidated budget as approved by the House, and the Chair may execute necessary vouchers therefor.

(b) Subject to the rules of the House of Representatives and procedures prescribed by the Committee on House Administration, and with the prior authorization of the Chair of the Committee in each case, there may be expended in any one session of Congress for necessary travel expenses of witnesses attending hearings in Washington, DC:

(1) Out of funds budgeted and set aside for each subcommittee, not to exceed \$5,000 for expenses of witnesses attending hearings of each such subcommittee;

(2) Out of funds budgeted for the full Committee majority, not to exceed \$5,000 for expenses of witnesses attending full Committee hearings; and

(3) Out of funds set aside to the minority party members,

(A) Not to exceed, for each of the subcommittees, \$5,000 for expenses of witnesses attending subcommittee hearings, and

(B) Not to exceed \$5,000 for expenses of witnesses attending full Committee hearings.

(c) A full and detailed monthly report accounting for all expenditures of Committee funds shall be maintained in the Committee office, where it shall be available to each member of the committee. Such report shall show the amount and purpose of each expenditure, and the budget to which such expenditure is attributed.

#### RULE 23. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE RULES

The Committee shall not consider a proposed change in these rules unless the text of

such change has been delivered or electronically sent to all members and notice of its prior transmission has been in the hands of all members at least 48 hours prior to such consideration; a member of the Committee shall receive, upon his or her request, a paper copy of the proposed change.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 26, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

228. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Huntsville, Alabama) [MB Docket No.: 08-105 RM-11444] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

229. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Sioux City, Iowa) [MB Docket No.: 08-109 RM-11452] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

230. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Omaha, Nebraska) [MB Docket No.: 08-115 RM-11445] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

231. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Kearney, Nebraska) [MB Docket No.: 08-199 RM-11486] received January 9, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

232. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers [CG Docket No.: 03-123 CC Docket No.: 98-67 WC Docket No.: 05-196] received January 7, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

233. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — License Requirements Policy for Iran and for Certain Weapons of Mass De-

struction Proliferators [Docket No. 0811241505-81513-01] (RIN: 0694-AE50) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

234. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2006-030, Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2006-030; Item VI; Docket 2007-0001, Sequence 9] (RIN: 9000-AK85) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

235. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2005-012, Combating Trafficking in Persons [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2005-012; Item VII; Docket 2006-0020; Sequence 25] (RIN: 9000-AK31) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

236. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2007-016; Trade Agreements-New Thresholds [FAC 2005-30; FAR Case 2007-016; Item VIII; Docket 2008-0001; Sequence 3] (RIN: 9000-AK89) received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

237. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendment [FAC 2005-30; Item IX; Docket FAR-2009-0011; Sequence 1] received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

238. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, GSA, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-30; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket FAR 2009-0013, Sequence 1] received January 14, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WHITFIELD, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

H.R. 661. A bill to provide additional coupons for the digital-to-analog converter box program and to expedite delivery of coupons under such program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SHULER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. KRATOVIL, and Mr. ELLSWORTH):

H.R. 662. A bill to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in

each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARROW (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. WESTMORELAND):

H.R. 663. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the “Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GRAVES (for himself and Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California):

H.R. 664. A bill to make the 2001 and 2003 tax relief permanent law; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROHRBACHER:

H.R. 665. A bill to restore the Federal electoral rights of the residents of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BOYD, Mr. HARE, Mr. WOLF, Mr. LINDER, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. ROSS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. KLINE of Minnesota):

H.R. 666. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the establishment of

a searchable database containing the names and citations of members of the Armed Forces, members of the United States merchant marine, and civilians affiliated with the Armed Forces who have been awarded the medal of honor or any other medal authorized by Congress for the Armed Forces, the United States merchant marine, or affiliated civilians; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. HOLT, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HARE, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. PLATTS):

H.R. 667. A bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WALDEN (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 668. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare Program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. WATT, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas,

Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. OLIVER, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. WATERS, and Ms. LEE of California):

H. Res. 83. A resolution recognizing the significance of Black History Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 25: Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 154: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 156: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 173: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 174: Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 205: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 226: Mr. WITTMAN and Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California.

H.R. 293: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 294: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 295: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 296: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 297: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 495: Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 578: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 607: Mr. JONES.

H. Res. 19: Mr. PLATTS.

H. Res. 49: Mr. DREIER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, and Mr. LEWIS of California.